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### **Representative Bacchiochi to Chair General Assembly's Internship Committee**



State Representative Penny Bacchiochi, R-52<sup>nd</sup> District, has been appointed House Co-Chair of the General Assembly's Committee on Legislative Staff Internships, House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-86<sup>th</sup> District, announced today.

Representative Bacchiochi served on the Internship Committee during her first term in the state House of Representatives in 2003 – 2004. The committee interviews and selects college students applying for internships. Interns serve during legislative sessions.

“Penny Bacchiochi served with distinction as a member of the Internship Committee during her first two years in the General Assembly,” Representative Ward said. “The interns chosen by the committee who served during the 2003 and 2004 legislative sessions were punctual, responsible and did excellent work for the legislators with whom they were paired. Representative Bacchiochi's dedication to the success of the internship program will ensure that the best-qualified and most motivated applicants continue to be selected over the next two years.”

“I look forward to the challenge of once again working with college students around Connecticut who hope to become interns during the upcoming legislative sessions,” Representative Bacchiochi said. “The interns we selected over the past two years were hard workers who were genuinely interested in the legislative process. Many of them have since gone on to careers in government or have been elected to the General Assembly in their own right. I'd like to thank Bob Ward for appointing me as one of the chairs of this important committee and giving me the opportunity to continue helping Connecticut's college students learn more about their state government.”

The internship program was established by the General Assembly to acquaint college students with both the formal and informal aspects of the legislative process. Interns are assigned to legislative leaders, committee chairs, ranking members and individual legislators.

The program seeks to encourage a high level of personal interaction between legislators and interns, who serve as aides to their assigned legislators. Interns perform various

services for legislators, including bill analysis and tracking, spot and in-depth research, drafting of news releases and speeches, liaison work and constituent casework.

All undergraduate students who are attending two or four year institutions of higher education in Connecticut and state residents attending out-of-state colleges may apply for the program. Both full- and part-time internships are available. Full-time interns are expected to work five days a week, regular working hours. Part-time interns are expected to work two full days a week, preferably Tuesdays and Thursdays.